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1. Viacheslav Popov, Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Brussels, Belgium, and his wife, Aleksandra Nikolaevna Popova, left Belgium by air on 14 June 1950 for Moscow via Prague. Instructions were received early in June for Popov to prepare for his departure to the USSR.
2. Popov's duties will be assumed by Pavel Kodnenko, an attache at the Embassy.
3. It is reported that Nicolai Skobelev, the former First Secretary, may return to the Soviet Embassy in Brussels in a more important capacity.

Comment. In 1947, it was reliably reported that the UGB hierarchy in Brussels at that time was constituted as follows: Chief - Skobelev; Second in Command - Popov; Secretary - Popova. There was, however, some evidence that Popov wielded more authority than did Skobelev.

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